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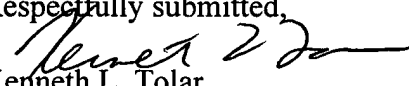
Inventor: Mr. James DeGroot

For: Device For Securing A Trouser

Dear Sir/ Madam:

Enclosed please find a Patent Application filed on behalf of the above named inventor including 9 pp. specification (including 5 claims and an abstract), a declaration and power of attorney, a declaration claiming small entity status, **informal** drawings (2 pp., 5 Figures) and the filing fee of \$385.00.

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